Broyhill's two largest upholstered manufacturing plants in the state currently are located in Alexander County, where 321 workers are employed at a plant in Taylorsville, and at the Whitnel complex in Caldwell County, where 472 workers currently work. These jobs will be consolidated at the new Lenoir site, and Broyhill plans to create an additional 423 jobs in addition to those currently at the two sites. Broyhill considered consolidating operations from those two plants at a facility Furniture Brands owns in Mississippi. The state offered the One North Carolina Fund grant to encourage the company instead to preserve and increase those jobs in this state.

Broyhill will move into a 650,000-square-foot former case goods manufacturing plant in Lenoir that is part of a complex that has more than one million square feet of manufacturing space and 500,000 square feet of warehousing space. Company officials have said that most of the displaced Taylorsville workers and all of the Whitnel complex workers will be offered jobs at the new facility.

Other partners who helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community College System, Caldwell County and the City of Lenoir.

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